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HOUSE BILL 1075

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By Representatives Miloscia, Mulliken, Dunshee, Simpson, Cairnes, Ogden and Pflug

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1 AN ACT Relating to the board of commissioners of a water-sewer  
2 district; amending RCW 57.12.015; and repealing RCW 57.08.110.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 57.12.015 and 1996 c 230 s 402 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) In the event a three-member board of commissioners of any  
7 district with any number of customers determines by resolution that it  
8 would be in the best interest of the district to increase the number of  
9 commissioners from three to five, or if the board of a district with  
10 any number of customers is presented with a petition signed by ten  
11 percent of the registered voters resident within the district who voted  
12 in the last general municipal election calling for an increase in the  
13 number of commissioners of the district, the board shall submit a  
14 resolution to the county auditor requesting that an election be held.  
15 Upon receipt of the resolution, the county auditor shall call a special  
16 election to be held within the district, at which election a  
17 proposition in substantially the following language shall be submitted  
18 to the voters:

1 Shall the Board of Commissioners of \_\_\_\_ (name and/or number of  
2 district) \_\_\_\_ be increased from three to five members?

3 Yes . . . . .

4 No . . . . .

5 If the proposition receives a majority approval at the election the  
6 board of commissioners of the district shall be increased to five  
7 members.

8 (2)(a) In any district with more than ten thousand customers, if a  
9 three-member board of commissioners determines by resolution that it  
10 would be in the best interest of the district to increase the number of  
11 commissioners from three to five, the number of commissioners shall be  
12 so increased without an election, unless within ninety days of adoption  
13 of that resolution a petition requesting an election and signed by at  
14 least ten percent of the registered voters who voted in the last  
15 municipal general election is filed with the board. If such a petition  
16 is received, the board shall submit the resolution and the petition to  
17 the county auditor, who shall call a special election in the manner  
18 described in this section.

19 (b) In any district with more than twenty-five thousand customers,  
20 if a three-member or five-member board of commissioners determines by  
21 resolution that it would be in the best interest of the district to  
22 increase the number of commissioners from five to seven, the number of  
23 commissioners shall be so increased without an election, unless within  
24 ninety days of adoption of that resolution a petition requesting an  
25 election and signed by at least ten percent of the registered voters  
26 who voted in the last municipal general election is filed with the  
27 board. If such a petition is received, the board shall submit the  
28 resolution and the petition to the county auditor, who shall call a  
29 special election in the manner described in this section.

30 (3) The two additional positions created on boards of commissioners  
31 by this section shall be filled initially as for a vacancy, except that  
32 the appointees shall draw lots, one appointee to serve until the next  
33 district general election after the appointment, at which two  
34 commissioners shall be elected for six-year terms, and the other  
35 appointee to serve until the second district general election after the  
36 appointment, at which two commissioners shall be elected for six-year  
37 terms.

1        NEW SECTION.        **Sec. 2.**        RCW 57.08.110 (Association of  
2 commissioners--Purposes--Powers--Expenses) and 1999 c 153 s 13, 1996 c  
3 230 s 318, 1995 c 301 s 76, 1973 1st ex.s. c 195 s 68, 1970 ex.s. c 47  
4 s 5, & 1961 c 242 s 1 are each repealed.

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